

**THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY  
OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:-**

**/WHAT I CLAIM AS MY INVENTION:-**

1. A universal license plate cord winder comprising:
  - 5 a housing having:
    - i. an inner molded spindle,
    - ii. a plurality of elongated mounting screw holes having hole extensions,
    - iii. a plurality of screw assembly receivers,
    - iv. a splatter guard,
    - v. an elongated slot for receiving a knob,
    - vi. a receptacle cord,
    - vii. a wiring inner housing,
    - viii. cord to housing connecting member,
    - 15 ix. an upper spring guide, and
    - x. a hatch guide,
  - b. a hatch assembly having:
    - i. a hatch,
    - ii. and knob, and a mounting plate, and
    - 20 iii. a spring,
  - c. a closure plate having:

- i. hole-extension receiving members and perforations therethrough for receiving fasteners in assembly,
- ii. a lower spring guide, and
- iii. a hatch guide,

5           d. a power conductive path having:

- j. a power-on indicator light,
- ii. a reel assemble having a rotary spring coil and electrical raceway for continuous conductivity,
- iii. a male cord end, and
- iv. a length of extension cord in communication with both male cord end and an electrical raceway fixedly integrated outside the reel's surface,

10           e. a universal mounting plate having:

- i. a generally planar surface,
- ii. perpendicularly protruding members circumferentially extending rearwardly from said planar surface,
- iii. extension members circumferentially extending outwardly from an edge of the protruding members distal from the planar members, and
- iv. a plurality of mounting perforations through said mounting plate in general alignment with mounting perforation of the housing and closure plate,

2. The universal license plate cord winder of claim 1 wherein elongated mounting screw holes of the housing comprise hole extensions adapted to frictionally engage within elongated mounting screw hole receivers on the closure plate so as to create water tight joinery between said housing and closure plate.

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3. The universal license plate cord winder of claim 1 wherein extension members circumferentially extending outwardly from an edge of the protruding members distal from the planar members of the universal mounting plate extend to a dimension generally equal to a conventional North American license plate.

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4. The universal mounting plate of claim 3 wherein all four corners are removed in order to allow slidable insertion of said plate into any conventional North American license plate bracket.

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5. The universal license plate cord winder of claims 1 to 3 wherein the female connector is extended from the housing so as to allow the connection to a load to be made within the engine compartment or rear compartment.

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6. The universal license plate cord winder of claims 1, 2, 3 and 5 wherein a spring loaded hatch having a spring load of greater force than the load exerted from the recoil spring of the cord winder reel within the housing.

7. The universal license plate cord winder of claim 6 wherein the hatch may thereby act as a brake.

8. The universal license plate cord winder of claims 1 through 7 wherein the use for said cord winder is to provide a universally mountable electrical cord winder in the location where a conventional North American license plate is normally placed, and enable a connection to the load within a vehicle compartment so as to protect the connection from exposure to weather elements by means of adapting the present invention with an extension female end connector while ensuring said connector to actually reach the load's male connector.